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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For granting the Diſtribution of Prizes during the preſent Hoſtilities.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS, by Our Order in Council dated the Twenty-ninth Day of July laſt, We have ordered, That general Repriſals be granted againſt the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the French King; and that as well Our Fleets and Ships, as alſo all other Ships and Veſſels that ſhall be commiſſionated by Letters of Marque or general Repriſals, or otherwiſe, by Our Commiſſioners for executing Our Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, ſhall and may lawfully ſeize all Ships, Veſſels and Goods belonging to the French King, and bring the ſame to Judgement in any of Our Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions: We, being deſirous to give due Encouragement to all Our faithful Subjects who ſhall lawfully ſeize the ſame; and having declared in Council, by Our Order of the Seventh of laſt Month, Our Intentions concerning the Diſtribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes and Repriſals, of all Ships and Goods, during the preſent Hoſtilities, do now make known to all Our loving Subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, that Our Will and Pleaſure is, That the Neat Produce of all Prizes taken, the Right whereof is inherent in Us and Our Crown, be given to the Takers, in the Proportion and Manner of Proceeding herein-after ſet forth: That is to ſay, That all Prizes taken by Ships and Veſſels having Commiſſions of Letters of Marque and Repriſals, may be ſold and diſpoſed of by the Merchants, Owners, Fitters, and others to whom ſuch Letters of Marque and Repriſals are granted, for their own Uſe and Benefit, after final Adjudication, and not before. And We do hereby further Order and Direct, That the Neat Produce of all Prizes which are or ſhall be taken by any of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, ſhall be for the entire Benefit and Encouragement of Our Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other Commiſſioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on Board Our ſaid Ships and Veſſels at the Time of the Capture; and that ſuch Prizes may be lawfully ſold and diſpoſed of by them and their Agents, after the ſame ſhall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful Prize, and not otherwiſe. The Diſtribution ſhall be made as follows; the Whole of the Neat Produce being firſt divided into Eight equal Parts:

The Captain or Captains of any of Our ſaid Ships and Veſſels of War, who ſhall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, ſhall have Three Eighth Parts; but in caſe any ſuch Prize ſhall be taken by any of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on Board, or directing and aſſiſting in the Capture, ſhall have One of the ſaid Three Eighth Parts; the ſaid One Eighth Part to be paid to ſuch Flag or Flag Officers in ſuch Proportions, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations, as are herein-after mentioned:

The Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants, and Maſter on Board, ſhall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them:

The Lieutenants and Quarter-Maſters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Quarter-Maſters of Land Forces, Secretaries of Admirals or of Commodores, with Captains under them, Boatſwains, Gunners, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſter's Mates, Chirurgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain on Board, ſhall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them:

The Midſhipmen, Captain's Clerk, Maſter Sail-maker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatſwain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Maſter at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Cockſwain, Quarter-Maſters, Quarter-Maſters Mates, Chirurgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, Serjeants of Marines, and Land Forces on Board, ſhall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them:

The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Stewards, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marines, and other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty and aſſiſting on Board, ſhall have Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them:

Provided, That if any Officer being on Board any of Our Ships of War, at the Time of taking any Prize, ſhall have more Commiſſions or Offices than One, ſuch Officer ſhall be intitled only to the Share or Shares of the Prices which, according to the above-mentioned Diſtribution, ſhall belong to his ſuperior Commiſſion or Office. And We do hereby ſtrictly enjoin all Commanders of Our Ships and Veſſels of War taking any Prize, as ſoon as may be, to tranſmit, or cauſe to be tranſmitted, to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, a true Liſt of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, who were actually on Board Our Ships and Veſſels of War under their Command at the Time of the Capture; which Liſt ſhall contain the Quality of the Service of each Perſon on Board, and be ſubſcribed by the Captain, or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board. And We do hereby require and direct the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, or any Three or more of them, to examine, or cauſe to be examined, ſuch Liſts by the Muſter-Books of ſuch Ships and Veſſels of War, and Liſts annexed thereto, to ſee that ſuch Liſts do agree with the ſaid Muſter-Books and annexed Liſts, as to the Names, Qualities, or Ratings, of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others belonging to ſuch Ships and Veſſels of War, and upon Requeſt, forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any Liſt tranſmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, to take care and diſpoſe of ſuch Prize; and alſo upon Application to them (the ſaid Commiſſioners) they ſhall give, or cauſe to be given, to the ſaid Agents, all ſuch Liſts from the Muſter-Books of any ſuch Ships of War, and annexed Liſts, as the ſaid Agents ſhall find requiſite for their Direction in paying the Produce of ſuch Prizes, and otherwiſe ſhall be aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Agents in all ſuch Matters as ſhall be neceſſary. We do hereby further Will and Direct, that the following Regulations ſhall be obſerved concerning the One Eighth Part herein-before mentioned to be granted to the Flag, or Flag Officers, who

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who ſhall actually be on Board at the taking of any Prize, or ſhall be directing or aſſiſting therein: Firſt, That a Flag Officer, Commander in Chief, when there is but One Flag Officer upon Service, ſhall have to his own Uſe the ſaid One Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by Ships and Veſſels under his Command: Secondly, That a Flag Officer, ſent to command at Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken by Ships or Veſſels employed there, before he arrives at the Place to which he is ſent, and actually takes upon him the Command: Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag Officer is ſent out to reinforce a ſuperior Flag Officer at Jamaica, or elſewhere, the ſuperior Flag Officer ſhall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken by the inferior Flag Officer, before the inferior Flag Officer ſhall arrive within the Limits of the Command of the ſuperior Flag Officer, and actually receive ſome Order from him: Fourthly, That a Chief Flag Officer returning Home from Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken by the Ships or Veſſels left behind to act under another Command: Fifthly, That if a Flag Officer is ſent to command in the Out-Ports of this Kingdom, he ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken by Ships or Veſſels which have ſailed from that Port by Order from the Admiralty: Sixthly, That when more Flag Officers than One ſerve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by any Ships or Veſſels of the Fleet or Squadron ſhall be divided in the following Proportions, viz. If there be but Two Flag Officers, the Chief ſhall have Two Third Parts of the ſaid One Eighth Part, and the other ſhall have the remaining Third Part; but if the Number of Flag Officers be more than Two, the Chief ſhall have only One Half, and the other Half ſhall be equally divided amongſt the other Flag Officers: Seventhly, That Commodores with Captains under them ſhall be eſteemed as Flag Officers with reſpect to the Eighth Part of Prizes taken, whether commanding in Chief, or ſerving under Command. And We do hereby further Order, That in the Caſe of Cutters, Schooners, and other armed Veſſels commanded by Lieutenants, the Share of ſuch Lieutenants ſhall be Three Eighth Parts of the Prize, unleſs ſuch Lieutenants ſhall be under the Command of a Flag Officer or Officers; in which Caſe the Flag Officer or Officers ſhall have One of the ſaid Three Eighths, to be divided among ſuch Flag Officer or Flag Officers in the Manner hereinbefore directed in the Caſe of Captains ſerving under Flag Officers: Secondly, We direct that the Share of the Maſter, or other Perſon acting as Second in Command, and the Pilot, (if there happens to be One on Board) ſhall be One Eighth Part, to be divided into Three equal Parts; of which Two Thirds ſhall go to the Maſter, or other Perſon acting as Second in Command, and the remaining One Third to the Pilot; but if there is no Pilot, then ſuch Eighth Part to go wholly to the Maſter or Perſon acting as Second in Command: That the Share of the Chirurgeon, or Chirurgeon's Mate, (where there is no Chirurgeon) Midſhipmen, and Clerk and Steward, ſhall be One Eighth; That the Share of the Boatſwain's, Gunner's, and Carpenter's Mates, Yeomen of the Sheets, Sailmaker, Quarter-Maſter, and Quarter-Maſter's Mate, ſhall be One Eighth; and the Share of the Seamen, Marines, and other Perſons on Board, aſſiſting in the Capture, ſhall be Two Eighth Parts. But it is Our Intention nevertheleſs, that the above Diſtribution ſhall only extend to ſuch Captures as ſhall be made by any Cutter, Schooner, or armed Veſſel, without any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War being preſent or within Sight of, and adding to the Encouragement of the Captors, and Terror of the Enemy: But in Caſe any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War ſhall be preſent, or in Sight, that then the Officers, Pilots, Petty Officers, and Men on Board ſuch Cutters and Schooners, or armed Veſſels, ſhall ſhare in the ſame Proportion as is allowed to Perſons of the like Rank and Denomination on Board His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels of War. Laſtly, It is Our Will and Pleaſure, That this Our Declaration, and Order in Council thereupon, ſhall extend not only to Captures from the French King, his Subjects, and others inhabiting his Countries, but alſo ſhall extend in the like Manner to all Ships and Goods now taken, and not finally adjudged and condemned, and divided, or to be taken hereafter, under the Act of Parliament of the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign; whereby it is enacted, That, for the Encouragement of Our Officers of Our Ships of War, the Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other Commiſſioned Officers in Our Pay, and the Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers on Board, ſhall have the ſole Intereſt and Property of and in all and every ſuch Ships and Goods as therein are recited, which they ſhall ſeize and take; but being firſt adjudged, that is to ſay, finally adjudged lawful Prize, and which are by the ſaid Act declared forfeited to Us, and to be divided and diſpoſed of in ſuch Proportion and after ſuch Manner as We, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall by Proclamation or Proclamations Order and Direct.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Sixteenth Day of *September*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-eight, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

St. James's, September 22.

THIS Day, being the Anniverſary of Their Majeſties Coronation, the Park and Tower Guns were fired at Noon, and in the Evening there were Illuminations, and all Publick Demonſtrations of Joy.

Vienna, September 9. The Great Duke of Tuſcany arrived here on Sunday Evening in good Health, and the Grand Dutcheſs is expected on the 23d Inſtant.

Admiralty-Office, September 19, 1778.

THE under-mentioned Second-Lieutenants in His Majeſty's Marine Forces not having repaired to Quarters, in Purſuance of the Notice given them in the Gazette of the 25th of July laſt; the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby think proper to give them this farther Notice, That if they do not repair to the Head Quarters of the Diviſions to which they reſpectively belong, within One Month from the Date hereof, their Commiſſions will be cancelled:

Chatham Diviſion.
Robert M'Cleverty.
William Robinſon.

Portſmouth Diviſion.
Robert Gardner.
Alexander Wight.
Thomas Palmer.
Henry Furzer.

Plymouth Diviſion.
Robert Adair.
John Walſh.

And the following Gentlemen having been lately appointed Second Lieutenants in the ſaid Forces, it is their Lordſhips Direction, That they do, without Fail, repair to their reſpective Head Quarters as under-mentioned, within One Month from the Date hereof:

Chatham Diviſion.
Henry Lee.
John Randoll Mackenzie.
William Morgan.
Charles Proctor.

Portſmouth Diviſion.
John Drummond.
James Barclay.

Plymouth Diviſion.
Frederick Hamilton Montgomery.
James Price.

Ph. Stephens.

Navy-Office, Auguſt 18, 1778.

THE Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that they are ready to treat for the Hire of Ships of 400 Tons Burthen and upwards,

wards, capable of carrying 20 Carriage Guns of 6 or 9 Pounders, to ſerve as Armed Ships. The Conditions may be ſeen, on Application at the Clerk of the Acts Office in this Office.

Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of Expoſed and Deſerted Young Children, September 22, 1778.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Stated Quarterly General Meeting of the Governors and Guardians of this Corporation (appointed by the Charter) will be held at the ſaid Hoſpital, on Wedneſday the 30th of this Month, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, when the Election of a Treaſurer, in the Room of Sir Charles Whitworth, deceaſed, will be proceeded upon.

T. Collingwood, *Secretary.*

Victualling Office, September 21, 1778.

THE Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 26th of October next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (ſealed up) and treat with ſuch Perſons as may be inclinable to undertake to furniſh Salt Beef and Pork, Bread, Peaſe, Oatmeal, and Butter, to ſuch of His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels as may touch at Liſbon, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be ſeen at the Secretary's Office at this Office, or by applying to His Britannick Majeſty's Conſul at Liſbon.

And all Perſons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the ſaid Occaſion are deſired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that ſhall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the ſaid 26th of October next; nor unleſs the Perſon who makes the Tender, or ſome Perſon on his Behalf, attends, to anſwer for him when called for.

PUrſuant to an Order of the Court of Duchy Chamber of Lancaſter at Weſtminſter, made the 27th Day of May laſt, in a Cauſe wherein James Wallace, Eſq; His Majeſty's Attorney General of the County Palatine of Lancaſter, at the Relation of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſeveral Townſhips of Gooſnargh, Inſkip with Sowerby, and Upper Rawcliffe with Farniker, all in the ſaid County of Lancaſter, is Informant, and John Miller, Richard Miller, and William Miller, are Defendants, any Perſon who is or claims to be Heir at Law to Thomas Knowles, heretofore of Sowerby in the ſaid County, Yeoman, who died about the Year 1675, is peremptorily to come before William Maſterman, Eſq; the Clerk of the Council of the ſaid Duchy, at his Office in Gray's-inn, on or before the 25th Day of October next, and thereto make known ſuch his Right or Claim, or in Default thereof ſuch Perſon will be excluded from the Benefit of any Decree to be made on the further Hearing of the above Cauſe reſpecting the Eſtate late of the ſaid Thomas Knowles thereby in Queſtion.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt againſt Robert Crammond, late of Great Ormond-ſtreet in the County of Middleſex, Merchant, and alſo the Proprietors or Repreſentatives of Proprietors of ſpecific Shares granted by him in a certain Aſſiento of Negroes, are deſired to meet at Tom's Coffee-houſe, Cornhill, London, on Monday the 5th Day of October next, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon preciſely, concerning the Choice of new Aſſignees of the ſaid Crammond's Eſtate under the ſaid Commiſſion, and Truſtees for the ſaid Proprietors; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued forth againſt Frederick Holton, late of Liverpool in the County of Lancaſter, Merchant and Broker, (ſince deceaſed) are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on the 16th Day of October next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, at George's Coffee houſe, in Caſtle-ſtreet, in Liverpool, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; and alſo to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or agreeing any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Thomas Buſwell, of Pailton in the Pariſh of Monkſkirby in the County of Warwick, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, on Friday the 2d Day of October next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Three Crowns Inn in Leiceſter, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

PUrſuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for enlarging the Time for John Sanderſon, late of Thames-ſtreet, London, Inſurance-broker, (but now a Priſoner in the King's Bench Priſon) (a Bankrupt) to ſurrender himſelf and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects, for Twenty-five Days, to be computed from the 22d Day of September inſtant; This is to give Notice, that the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, intend to meet on the 17th Day of October next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the ſaid Bankrupt is required to ſurrender himſelf between the Hours of Eleven and One of the ſame Day, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects, and finiſh his Examination; and the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the ſame, and aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Notice to the Creditors of Edward Innes, Vintner, in Gatehouſe of Fleet,

THAT, upon the Application of the ſaid Edward Innes, the Lord Ordinary on the Bills ſequeſtrated his whole Perſonal Eſtate, within Scotland; and nominated and appointed Charles Selkirk, Merchant, in Gatehouſe of Fleet, to be Factor thereon; and appointed the Creditors of the ſaid Edward Innes to meet at Gatehouſe of Fleet, and within the Houſe of the ſaid Edward Innes, Vintner there, on Monday the 12th Day of October next, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, in order to their continuing the ſaid Factor, or chuſing another, or a Truſtee or Truſtees, in his Place,—all in Terms of an Act paſſed in the 5th Seſſion of the 13th Parliament of Great Britain, held in the 12th Year of His preſent Majeſty, concerning Sequeſtrations.

The ſaid Charles Selkirk, therefore, hereby requires the whole Creditors of the ſaid Edward Innes to meet, by themſelves or their Attornies or Agents properly authoriſed to act for them, at the Time and Place aforeſaid, for the Purpoſe before-mentioned.

Charles Selkirk.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Downer Searle, of Storrington in the County of Suſſex, Collar-maker, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 3d Day of October next at Ten in the Forenoon, on the 10th Day of the ſame Month at Five in the Afternoon, and on the 3d Day of November following at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Jemmett, Pudding-lane, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Brame Oxford, of Holton in the County of Suffolk, and Thomas Rockhill, of Wenhaſton in the ſaid County, Merchants, Dealers, Chapmen, and Copartners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to ſurrender themſelves to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 14th Day of October next at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, on the 15th Day of the ſame Month at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, and on the 3d Day of November following at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Jonathan Botwright, the Angel, in Haleſworth, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of their Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupts are required to finiſh their Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of their Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupts, or that have any of their Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Woods, Attorney, in Haleſworth aforeſaid.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Thomas Gill, of Doncaſter in the County of York, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 16th and 23d Days of October next, and on the 3d Day of November following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each Day, at the Houſe of John Dunhill, the Angel, in Doncaſter, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Broadrick, Attorney, in Doncaſter.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt William Bayley, now or late of Pettipool in the County of Cheſter, Cheeſe-factor, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 6th and 7th Days of October next, and on the 3d Day of November following, at Eleven o'Clock in the

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